

## VETERAN SCRIBE STILL BELIEVES DEMPSEY SLACKER

Says Records Prove the Assertion and Claims Gene Delmont Was the Only Real Volunteer in the Game.

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That Jack Dempsey and his manager are both slackers goes without saying. The records are there to prove the assertion. There are some, it will be noted, who rise to defend Dempsey against the charge. That, however, is to be expected. If Dempsey were a burglar or highwayman he would have defenders just the same. It is only natural that this should be so.

Benny Leonard, Johnny Kilbane, Peter Herman and many more like them have their defenders in all fair fights. Dempsey is no more of a slacker than 99 per cent of all prizefighters in the country were during the war broke out, who volunteered for service at the front, was Gene Delmont, the featherweight. Gene didn't wait to be conscripted, but rushed away to a recruiting office and enlisted and went over there. And he is the only prizefighter we had who was actively engaged in the business who did volunteer.

All the others, including the boxing instructors, shipyard workers and labor would be conscripts. The best that can be said for any of those who stayed at home is that they showed themselves to be a mean lot of war dodgers.

### Boxers Well Paid.

All this talk about Dempsey, Leonard and others boxing for the Red Cross and other war charity funds and in that way aided in raising vast sums to help win the war is all rot. If any one of this group of slackers ever did box for a war fund he was well paid for his services. Go over the record and see how many times Dempsey, Benny Leonard and other stay-at-home engaged prizefighters during the war were paid the amount each received in cold cash for his work.

Those who are endeavoring to apologize for these slackers, it will be observed, are not specific in their statements as to dates and the sums collected by the fighters and turned over by them to the various war funds. They just name a lump sum and let it go at that.

For instance, one writer asserts that Benny Leonard, while serving as boxing instructor at Camp Upton, managed to get away from his camp duties long enough to raise over \$300,000 for the different war funds by boxing here and there for nothing. Wish the gentleman who wrote that stuff would inform the public when and where all this happened.

### Leonard Made Money.

Had the gentleman stated that Benny Leonard made a lot of money for himself boxing here and there and he assigned as a boxing instructor at Camp Upton, all of which he and his manager touched, no one would venture to question the statement. But to say that Benny Leonard contributed his services for war funds and raised over \$300,000, which was turned over to these funds during the war, sounds a good deal like one of the Pluffy Jack Kearns pipe dreams.

Leonard probably did engage in bouts in which a certain percentage of the gate receipts were donated to some of the war charities, but make no mistake, Leonard grabbed the lion's share of the receipts for himself every time. And, frankly speaking, that's what they all did, except Jack Britton, who really did contribute his services many times for all sorts of war funds, and the records fail to show that Britton ever accepted as much as one dollar for his services.

Moreover, Jack Britton, according to his manager, Dan Morgan, was about 37 years old when we got into the war. And, while speaking of Britton and his labors in behalf of war charities, it is fit and proper to say a good word for his manager, Dan Morgan, who was always on the go in the interest of crippled soldiers and war relief funds. Both deserve well of all patriotic Americans.

### Waits on Wife.

Personally, I don't care a rap about the slacker prizefighters or what becomes of them. The government can turn the whole "bloomin'" lot over to the prohibitionists for all the difference it makes to me. The fact is, no greater punishment could be meted out to those war dodgers than to give them over to the prohibitions pack and parcel.

One Hogan, out of Los Angeles way, claims to have been chairman of the exemption board that passed on the Dempsey claims for exemption from war service. Mr. Hogan is very emphatic in his assertion that Dempsey is not a slacker. "If Dempsey is a slacker, then I'm one," says Hogan.

That's all right, but what name a man whose name is Hogan. Oh, boy! Wonder if Hogan is a Sinn Feiner—what? If he isn't it's probably because the Sinn Feiners wouldn't have him. Anyway, I'm waiting to hear from Dempsey's divorced wife—divorced since the war—regarding the amount the champion was contributing toward her support at the time Chairman Hogan had Dempsey put in class A because of alleged dependents.

### SNEAK THIEF RIFLES PANTS; GETS AWAY

Burglars who entered the residence of Mrs. W. E. Watson, 188 Alabama avenue, Wednesday night, stole the trousers of Frank Adeock, a roomer. The breeches contained \$4.50 in cash and a gold watch. The pants and watch were found Thursday morning on the front porch, abandoned by the burglar. But the cash was missing.

## SAYS FINGER PRINT FORGERY POSSIBLE

Expert Claims to Have "Forged" Prints of New Jersey Murderer.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Officials of the International Association for Personal Identification here, an organization having for its object the "finger printing" of every man, woman and child in the United States and Canada, have started an inquiry into the charge made by Milton Carlson, a Los Angeles handwriting expert, that finger prints can be forged.

Carlson says he "forged" the finger prints of a convicted murderer in New Jersey in human blood on a butcher knife making a perfect thumb impression of a man 3,000 miles away. Experts, it is said, pronounced it perfect. So far as known, the California man is the first man to announce successful duplication of finger prints, an infallible means of identification.

Former finger prints are possible but the International Association for Personal Identification here, "A criminal," said the secretary of the association, "would not have one chance in a million of success in fastening a crime upon an innocent person by means of a forged finger print. Our researches show that in every case of a reproduced print the lines are too duplicate to deceive a skilled eye. They show up under a strong magnifying glass like a rubber stamp or an engraving and not like the original finger lines which, by reason of perspiration and oil, are clear and sharply defined."

Handwriting experts may attempt to discredit finger prints because their use detracts from their business, but the fact remains that "human seals," as the finger prints are called, are an unfailing test so far as identity is concerned. They have practically superseded the Bertillon system in New York state but until the law is changed, the Bertillon must be used in the penitentiaries. When the lines are blurred, as often happens, a finger print is worthless and if they are clear it is infallible evidence. It has been shown that if the finger ridges are shaved off or sandpapered they come back.

"It is popularly supposed that finger prints usually are only shown in blood. The fact is that you leave a finger print upon everything you touch. It is quite invisible to the naked eye. The expert, however, will take a bit of powder—a dark powder on a light surface or a light powder on a dark surface—and will quickly develop the print. The powders used are lamp-black, graphite, iron red and manganese sulphide and dragon's blood.

"Nature has carved on our fingers these 'seals' and they should be put to civilian as well as police use. Undoubtedly they have been the means of detecting thousands of criminals. Hundreds of individuals who come to New York and are swallowed up in this great city, their bodies finally landing in the morgue, might never be buried in the potter's field if we had a national finger print registry of civilians."

The New York finger print organization officials say that despite Mr. Carlson's charge, genuine finger prints are an invaluable aid to identify victims of train wrecks or other disasters and for ascertaining the identity of persons who have temporarily "lost" themselves.

## Frisco Opens Harvey Hotel At Harvard

A railroad hotel for the accommodation of trainmen laying over at the Frisco western terminal at Harvard, Ark., about 12 miles west of Memphis, is now being made for the opening. The hotel will be operated by the Harvey system. The building is a permanent, fire proof structure, with all rooms equipped with hot and cold water, a first-class cafe, a large lobby and recreation room, and all modern conveniences, especially designed for the convenience of railway men.

Although the services offered is to be a sleeping with Harvey standards, the charges to railroad men are to be moderate, the object of the Frisco railroad in establishing the hotel being to promote the welfare of their employees by offering the best hotel accommodations possible at the least possible cost to the men.

## MARRIAGE RECORDS BROKEN IN LILLE

LILLE, Feb. 2. (By International News Service.)—Cupid apparently has taken up his camp in the city of Lille since its liberation from the Germans. It is bent on making it the greatest marriage city of its size in the world.

## WANTED IN ARKANSAS; SURRENDERS TO PERRY

Robert B. Kelly, 1587 Monroe avenue, traveling salesman, Thursday morning surrendered to Sheriff O. H. Perry to await transportation to White county, Ark. Sheriff Perry several days ago received a bench warrant for Kelly. He is wanted, according to the officer, in White county on indictment charging him with false pretense.

## WOLVES TREE MAN; HE WIRES FOR ASSISTANCE

GENEVA, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Farmers and others between this city and Watertown are seeking the help of a pack of wolves said to number 29 that have been seen there recently. They came from a clump of woods and surrounded the pole upon which Charles Gowers, inspector of high tension wires of the Empire Gas and Electric company of this city, was perched. Gowers, with S. O. S. call to this city and a party of six went in an automobile to the rescue. They reached the spot in time to get several shots at the animals which were large gray beasts. At least one was wounded, as shown by a trail of blood in the snow, but the woods being upon marshy lands, the party did not care to risk following the pack.

## Barge Line Gives Quick Export Service

Shipping cotton by river to New Orleans for export promises to increase in importance and become a source of distinct relief. If the experience of a local exporting concern is duplicated.

On Jan. 24 a lot of 150 bales was loaded on a barge of the government line here, it being the first shipment south by river in about 20 years. Little attention was given to it by the trade in general, but by some it was regarded as the beginning of a new era.

Advice were received Thursday morning by the exporter that the cotton had arrived in New Orleans and was being loaded on a ship for the foreign port. The shipper was delighted with the service and predicts that it means the beginning of an important volume of cotton going from here by water for export.

It was pointed out that the advantage of reasonable quick service, which in this instance surpasses what the railroads have been furnishing for a long time, there is a government guarantee of insurance from the time the cotton is loaded onto the barge until it is in the hold of the ship. In addition to this an effort is being made by the underwriters, with reasonable prospect of success, to have what is known as the interior premium amounting to about one-sixteenth per cent refunded.

Shortly after the initial shipment of 150 bales was another of about 300 and it is expected that as the exporters learn of the advantages of using the barge lines many more will follow.

## Fugitive Gives Up; Finds His "Crime" A Joke

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 2.—A man giving his name as Will Pope walked into the sheriff's office and told Gert Grout, under sheriff, he wanted to give himself up and wanted to be put into jail. He said a man had been killed at Yale and he was the cause.

Grout called the sheriff at Stillwater and the sheriff said no one was wanted there and there had been no killing in Yale recently. The man said he had been told by the marshal at Yale he had been the cause of a woman killing a man. He said he had wandered around the country since and has lost 30 pounds. He was pale and emaciated and had a haunted look in his eyes.

When Grout told the man he had been the victim of a joke, his face lighted up and his eyes filled with tears of joy.

"I'm going back to Yale tonight," he said.

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